

BUILDING NO. 2

BUILDING NAME: EAST PARK TOWERS (Formerly East End Park Apartments)

LOCATION: 5236-5252 So. Hyde Park Blvd. CITY: Chicago,

COUNTY: Cook STATE: Illinois ZIP:

OWNER: Katz Realty & Investment Corp.

ADDRESS: 401 Fullerton Parkway CITY: Chicago,

STATE: Illinois ZIP: 60614

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION: Cook County Recorder of Deeds
118 N. Clark Street, Chicago, IL

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: Located on the northwest corner of South Hyde Park Boulevard and East 53rd Street, the boundary follows a line 10 (ten) feet from the building wall.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE: 0.43 DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: 1922-1923

ARCHITECT AND/OR BUILDER William P. Doerr, Architect, Shelbourne Hotel Corp.,
Developers

DESCRIPTION:

Rising 10 stories above South Hyde Park Boulevard, the East Park Towers is an irregular, "U" shaped, red brick building with terra cotta trim. It has 170' frontage on South Hyde Park Boulevard and 140' on East 53rd Street. The main wings and center section each have three bays, the wings featuring slightly curved corners on the south side and containing panels of windows grouped in threes. All the windows in the upper levels are wood, double hung (6/1).

The stylistic inspiration for the building ranges from Georgian as used in the Palladian windows at the first level and the quoined terra cotta trim outlinging some of the vertical bays - to the Mission style terra cotta trim used at the parapet level. Other noteworthy design features include the series of balconies running up the center bay of the south wing, and the horizontal brick and terra cotta design utilized above the terra cotta belt course at the top level of the building.

There are several shops at the first level along the 53rd Street facade. The upper levels contain 135 apartment units. (9 2BR, 54 1 BR and 40 studios)

SIGNIFICANCE:

The East Park Towers is significant due to the imaginative design solution that its architect, William P. Doerr, used to take advantage of the irregular, pie shaped lot on which the building is located. The building's shape and the use of angled corners on the two major wings are skillfully executed in reflection of the site with which the architect was presented. In addition to the successful blending of several popular design forms of the era, the architect brought a surprisingly intimate residential quality to the Georgian styled first floor elevation, expressed in terra cotta and wood.



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ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, East Park Towers (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 5236-5252 S. Hyde Park Blvd. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Flamingo-On-The-Lake Apartments (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 5500-5520 S. Shore Dr. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Hotel Del Prado (Hyde Park Apartment Hotels TR), 5307 S. Hyde Park Blvd. (05/14/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Hyde Park-Kenwood Historic District (Boundary Increase), 825-833 E. Fifty-second St. (05/16/86)

ILLINOIS, Cook County, Chicago, Lakeview Historic District (Boundary Increase), 701, 705, 711, 715-717, 721, 733-735, 737, and 739 Belmont, 3162 & 3164 Orchard and 3171 Halsted (05/16/86)

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